

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 115–23**

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Page 499, after line 19, insert the following new subtitle:

1           **Subtitle \_\_—Fight Russian**  
2                   **Corruption Act**

3   **SEC. \_\_01. SHORT TITLE.**

4           This subtitle may be cited as the “Fight Russian Cor-  
5   ruption Act”.

6   **SEC. \_\_02. FINDINGS.**

7           Congress finds the following:

8                   (1) The Russian Federation uses corruption as  
9           a strategic tool to erode democratic governance from  
10          within and discredit the liberal democratic system,  
11          thereby strengthening Russia’s sphere of influence.

12                   (2) Russia’s ultimate goal is to dissolve the  
13          transatlantic union by capitalizing on and exacer-  
14          bating existing tensions within European countries.

15                   (3) In 2016, the Center for Strategic and Inter-  
16          national Studies (CSIS) and the Centre for the  
17          Study of Democracy concluded that Russia has cul-  
18          tivated an opaque network of patronage across the  
19          region that it uses to influence and direct decision-

1 making. Russia seeks to gain influence over if not  
2 control of critical state institutions, bodies, and the  
3 economy and uses this influence to shape national  
4 policies and decisions.

5 (4) Central and Eastern European leaders, in-  
6 cluding those from Romania, the Czech Republic,  
7 Latvia, and Poland, have warned that Russia en-  
8 gages in economic warfare by using politically moti-  
9 vated investments to advance its agenda, and seeks  
10 to challenge the transatlantic orientation of Central  
11 and Eastern Europe.

12 (5) While countries along Russia's border, espe-  
13 cially the Baltic countries, Ukraine, and Georgia, are  
14 under threat from Moscow's malign influence and  
15 military aggression, corruption is also part of Rus-  
16 sia's hybrid warfare strategy to use direct and indi-  
17 rect action to coerce, destabilize and exercise malign  
18 influence over other countries.

19 (6) Much like a virus, malign Russian-fueled  
20 corruption inconspicuously penetrates a country  
21 through what appears to be a host of legitimate fi-  
22 nancial transactions.

23 (7) According to CSIS, the corruption, often  
24 through opaque financial transactions, infects var-  
25 ious strategic sectors of host economies, particularly

1 energy, media, and financial sectors. Over time, the  
2 host countries' institutions become compromised and  
3 can no longer self-police or resist Russian influence,  
4 thereby allowing Russian control over the govern-  
5 ment.

6 (8) In France, Austria, Germany, and the  
7 United Kingdom, Russia directly supports entities  
8 that feed directly off lack of confidence and trust in  
9 democratic systems, which enhances the popularity  
10 of extreme parties.

11 (9) The United States intelligence community  
12 concluded that Russia deployed similar tactics in the  
13 2016 United States elections in order to erode public  
14 confidence and trust in the United States political  
15 system.

16 (10) This strategy exploits the inherent open-  
17 ness and vulnerabilities within Western capitalist  
18 systems. To combat it, the United States must sup-  
19 port efforts of foreign partner countries to inves-  
20 tigate corruption and strengthen fiscal transparency.

21 (11) Only through strengthening Western gov-  
22 ernance and institutions will the United States and  
23 its partners thwart Russian tactics of corruption and  
24 exploitation and prevent Russia's virus-like corrup-  
25 tion from eroding democracy in the United States.

1   **SEC. \_\_03. OFFICE OF ANTI-CORRUPTION RELATING TO IL-**  
2                           **LICIT RUSSIAN FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES IN EU-**  
3                           **ROPE.**

4           Title I of the State Department Basic Authorities Act  
5 of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a et seq.) is amended by adding  
6 at the end the following new section:

7   **“SEC. 64. OFFICE OF ANTI-CORRUPTION RELATING TO IL-**  
8                           **LICIT RUSSIAN FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES IN EU-**  
9                           **ROPE.**

10          “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of State shall  
11 establish within the Department of State the Office of  
12 Anti-Corruption relating to Illicit Russian Financial Ac-  
13 tivities in Europe (in this section referred to as the ‘Of-  
14 fice’).

15          “(b) HEAD OF OFFICE.—The head of the Office shall  
16 be the Director of Anti-Corruption relating to Illicit Rus-  
17 sian Financial Activities in Europe (in this section re-  
18 ferred to as the ‘Director’). The Director shall be ap-  
19 pointed by Secretary, in consultation with the Assistant  
20 Secretary of State for European Affairs.

21          “(c) FUNCTIONS.—The Office shall carry out the fol-  
22 lowing functions:

23                 “(1) In coordination with the intelligence com-  
24 munity, analyze financial networks of the Russian  
25 Federation that operate in European countries relat-  
26 ing to investments in the real estate, energy, media,

1 infrastructure, philanthropy, civil society, sports,  
2 nongovernmental organization, and other sectors.

3 “(2) In coordination with the Secretary of the  
4 Treasury, train United States liaison officers to  
5 serve in key United States diplomatic and consular  
6 posts in European countries to cooperate with for-  
7 eign partners in the uncovering and prosecution of  
8 illicit Russian financial activity.

9 “(d) REPORT.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Office shall develop  
11 and submit to the appropriate congressional commit-  
12 tees on an annual basis a report on the conduct and  
13 results of activities of the Office carried out under  
14 subsection (c) during the prior year.

15 “(2) FORM.—The report required under this  
16 subsection shall be submitted in unclassified form  
17 but may contain a classified annex.

18 “(e) PERSONNEL.—The Secretary of State is author-  
19 ized to accept details or assignments of any personnel on  
20 a reimbursable or nonreimbursable basis for the purpose  
21 of carrying out this section, and the head of any Federal  
22 agency is authorized to detail or assign personnel of such  
23 agency on a reimbursable or nonreimbursable basis to the  
24 Secretary for purposes of carrying out this section.

1 “(f) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES  
2 DEFINED.—The term ‘appropriate congressional commit-  
3 tees’ means—

4 “(1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the  
5 Committee on Financial Services of the House of  
6 Representatives; and

7 “(2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and  
8 the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Af-  
9 fairs, and the Committee on Finance of the Sen-  
10 ate.”.

11 **SEC. \_\_04. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND RELATED MATTERS.**

12 (a) AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FOREIGN ASSIST-  
13 ANCE.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State is  
15 authorized to provide assistance to European coun-  
16 tries to combat corruption.

17 (2) TYPES OF ASSISTANCE.—Assistance author-  
18 ized to be provided under paragraph (1) may include  
19 the following:

20 (A) Support for activities described in  
21 paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 64(c) of the  
22 State Department Basic Authorities Act of  
23 1956 (as added by section \_\_03 of this sub-  
24 title).

1 (B) Support for and strengthening of for-  
2 eign programs focused on investigative jour-  
3 nalism and independence of the media environ-  
4 ment to expose Russian corruption.

5 (C) Support for activities in Europe relat-  
6 ing to anti-corruption, anti-propaganda, and  
7 anti-Russian malign influence.

8 (b) MATTERS RELATING TO NATO.—The Secretary  
9 of State shall seek to work with the North Atlantic Treaty  
10 Organization (NATO) to carry out the following actions:

11 (1) Elevate anti-corruption as an element of  
12 NATO's Readiness Action Plan.

13 (2) Task the NATO Assistant Secretary Gen-  
14 eral for Intelligence and Warning with monitoring  
15 Russian influence in NATO member states.

16 (3) Prioritizing the combating of Russian influ-  
17 ence under the NATO-European Union framework.

18 (c) EU-US SUMMIT.—The Secretary of State, in co-  
19 ordination with the Secretary of the Treasury, is author-  
20 ized to host a summit between the United States and the  
21 European Union on preventing undeclared, cross-border  
22 money flows invested in strategic areas or economic sec-  
23 tors of European countries.

1 **SEC. \_\_05. NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
3 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National  
4 Intelligence shall develop and submit to the appropriate  
5 congressional committees a National Intelligence Estimate  
6 on the matters described in subsection (b).

7 (b) MATTERS DESCRIBED.—The matters described  
8 in this subsection are the following:

9 (1) Any purchases made in the 5-year period  
10 ending on the date of the enactment of this Act by  
11 individuals and entities of key sectors in European  
12 countries, particularly purchases that provide mo-  
13 nopolistic control of a sector.

14 (2) A detailed analysis of the individuals and  
15 entities making such purchases, including sources of  
16 revenue for each individual and entity and any links  
17 to the Russian Federation.

18 **SEC. \_\_06. REPORT.**

19 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-  
20 ment of this Act, the Secretary of State and the Secretary  
21 of Treasury shall jointly submit to the appropriate con-  
22 gressional committees a report on the implementation of  
23 this subtitle.

24 **SEC. \_\_07. DEFINITIONS.**

25 In this subtitle:



1           (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
2       TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
3       mittees” means—

4           (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and  
5       the Committee on Financial Services of the  
6       House of Representatives; and

7           (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations  
8       and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and  
9       Urban Affairs, and the Committee on Finance  
10      of the Senate.

11          (2) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.—The term  
12      “intelligence community” has the meaning given the  
13      term in section 3 of the National Security Act of  
14      1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003).

